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1. SUMMARY: HIGH POINT OF IRISH FONMIN GARRET FITZGERALD'S TWO-DAY VISIT TO NETHERLANDS WAS DELIVERY OF SPEECH ON NORTHERN IRELAND AT LEIDEN UNIVERSITY. FITZGERALD REJECTED FURTHER PARTITION IN NORTH OR TRANSFER OF POPULATION TO SOUTH AND SAID ONLY SOLUTION WOULD REQUIRE CLOSE NORTH-SOUTH COOPERATION. MEETINGS WITH DUTCH GENERALLY GIVEN OVER TO INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND POSITION OF SMALLER STATES WITHIN EC. END SUMMARY.

2. SPEAKING TO LARGE PUBLIC GATHERING WHICH INCLUDED DUTCH
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FONMIN VAN DER STOEL AT LEIDEN UNIVERSITY DEC 16, FONMIN FITZ-

GERALD GAVE MAJOR SPEECH ON "SOME ASPECTS OF NORTHERN IRELAND PROBLEM." FITZGERALD SAID ANY SOLUTION TO PROBLEM MUST TAKE ACCOUNT OF "IMMENSE COMMON INTEREST WHICH NORTH AND SOUTH ENJOY, ESPECIALLY WITHIN EC." REJECTING EXTREME MEASURES, FONMIN SAID GOI HAD SOUGHT REASSURE PROTESTANT MAJORITY IN NORTH THAT IT HAD NO WISH TO ENFORCE UNIFICATION AGAINST WISHES OF THAT MAJORITY.

3. FITZGERALD SET OUT EIGHT CONCLUSIONS BASED ON HISTORICAL AND CURRENT REALITIES:

A. SOLUTION MUST BE FOUND WITHIN IRELAND, AND PRIMARILY WITHIN NORTHERN IRELAND;

B. REPARTITION IS NO SOLUTION;

C. EXCHANGE OF POPULATIONS IS UNREALISTIC, ANACHRONISTIC IN THAT IT WOULD STRENGTHEN RELIGIOUS DIVISIONS;

D. DIVISION WITHIN NORTHERN IRELAND ALONG COMMUNITY LINES WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE;

E. WHATEVER CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE MUST INCLUDE ALL PARTIES WHICH ARE VALID AND AUTHENTIC REPS OF BOTH COMMUNITIES;

F. NORTHER IRELAND MUST AGAIN HAVE ITS OWN DEVOLVED PARLIAMENT;

G. IMMENSE COMMON INTERESTS OF NORTH AND SOUTH MUST BE TAKEN ACCOUNT OF;

H. DEEP-SEATED FEARS ON BOTH SIDES MUST BE RECOGNIZED AND OFFERED REASSURANCES THAT REPRESSION WILL NOT RETURN AND LAW AND ORDER WILL BE APPLIED EVEN HANDEDLY.

4. IRISH EMBASSY TELLS US THAT FONMIN DELIGHTED WITH OPPORTUNITY SPEAK AT LEIDEN, A FORUM WHICH HE SAW AS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE FOR THIS SPEECH GIVEN NETHERLANDS LONG TRADITION OF RELIGIOUS TOLERATION. ALSO, HE RECOGNIZED THAT SPEECH ABROAD WOULD GET MORE ATTENTION THAN IT LIKELY TO ATT HOME. FULL TEXT BEING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POUCHED DEPT, LONDON, DUBLIN AND BELFAST.

5. DUTCH AND IRISH HAVE NO BILATERAL PROBLEMS. FITZGERALD AND VAN DER STOEL, WHO GET ALONG VERYWELL TOGETHER ACCORDING TO MFA AND IRISH EMBASSY SOURCES, TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF VISIT TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL ISSUES SUCH AS MIDDLE EAST, SPAIN, CSCE, AND PARTICULARLY EC ISSUES. FITZGERALD CONCERNED ABOUT ROLE SMALLER COUNTURES SHOULD PLAY IN COMMUNITY AND HOPED IT WOULD BE

POSSIBLE TO COORDINATE BETTER. IN THIS REGARD, HE NOTED UPCOMING
EC PRESIDENCIES OF LUXEMBOURG AND THEN NETHERLANDS AND HOPED ANY
INITIATIVES PLANNED BY TWO GOVERNMENTS DURING 1976 COULD BE
DISCUSSED BEFOREHAND WITH IRISH SO AS TO RECEIVE GO'S FULL
SUPPORT. FINALLY, IRELAND STOOD WITH NETHERLANDS IN OPPOSING
LARGE STATE CONDOMINIUM SUCH AS AT RAMBOUILLET.
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